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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Rueppel *et al.* :  
 : Group Art Unit: 1615  
Serial No. 09/744,621 :  
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Filing Date: February 15, 2001 : Examiner: Tran, Susan T.  
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For: Microparticles Produced From :  
Cyclic Olefin Copolymers And :  
Their Use For The Controlled :  
Release Of Active Agents :

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2003, the applicants  
respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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